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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

In one embodiment of the invention, the managing program module may reside in program partition 212 of a system 200 operating as the same or another network node that is part of network 102, such as network node 106, for example. The managing program ~~monitored program~~ module operates to communicate with the monitored program module to authorize and track usage of the target software program. The managing program module also communicates with the monitoring program module to communicate usage time for a monitored program. The term "usage time" as used herein refers to the length of time a monitored program is in authorized use or is being executed with authorization.